

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) A system for remote status readings, comprising:

a communication network;

a central controller linked to the communication network; and

a plurality of peripheral devices linked to the controller through the communication network, each peripheral device adopting at each instant an instantaneous status belonging to a plurality of possible statuses, the controller being operative to periodically scan the peripheral devices to read their instantaneous statuses, the communication network being operatively provided so as to link the peripheral devices to the controller by radio frequency means, the peripheral devices being supplied with electrical energy through the intermediary of the communication network.

14. (Currently amended) The system for remote status readings according to claim 13, wherein the communication network comprises a series circuit supplied by the controller and a plurality of electromagnetic induction loops for powering the peripheral devices.

15. (Previously presented) The system for remote status readings according to claim 14, wherein each peripheral device has its own identification code, the

controller having a configuration memory in which are stored correlatively, for each peripheral device, the identification code of the peripheral device and a localization parameter identifying the location of the peripheral device in the network, the controller being operative to read, for each peripheral device, the instantaneous status and identification code of the peripheral device, with a result that each instantaneous status read is correlated, by the controller, to a location in the network.

16. (Previously presented) The system for remote status readings according to claim 15, wherein each peripheral device includes a transmitter-receiver circuit and at least one status encoder adopting an instantaneous status constituting or participating in building up the instantaneous status of the peripheral device, the status encoder being linked to the transmitter-receiver circuit to allow the peripheral device to transmit the instantaneous status of the encoder to the controller.

17. (Previously presented) The system for remote status readings according to claim 16, wherein each peripheral device includes an electronic tag having a memory containing the identification code attributed to the peripheral device, a local antenna coupled to an induction loop of the communication network to receive the electrical energy transmitted by the induction loop, and the transmitter-receiver circuit, the transmitter-receiver circuit being linked to the local antenna so as to be able at least to receive from the controller a transmission order and to be able to transmit to the

23. (Currently amended) The system for remote status readings according to ~~any one~~ of claim 16, wherein each peripheral device forms a call terminal for management of remote calls.

24. (Previously presented) The system for remote status readings according to claim 23, wherein each peripheral device is installed at a specific location and forms a call terminal for a means of transport.

25. (Previously presented) The system for remote status readings according to claim 24, wherein each peripheral device is installed on a respective floor of a building and forms a call terminal for an elevator.

26. (Previously presented) The system for remote status readings according to claim 24, wherein the status encoder of each peripheral device includes a plurality of appropriate elements each of which identifies an assigned destination for the means of transport from a departure position represented by the specific location.

controller, apart from the instantaneous status of the encoder, the identification code of the tag.

18. (Previously presented) The system for remote status readings according to claim 16, wherein each peripheral device includes, as the status encoder, at least one appropriate element.

19. (Previously presented) The system for remote status readings according to claim 18, wherein the appropriate element is an electric contact.

20. (Previously presented) The system for remote status readings according to claim 16, wherein each peripheral device includes, as the status encoder, at least one sensor sensitive to influence of a physical parameter to which the peripheral device is subjected.

21. (Previously presented) The system for remote status readings according to claim 16, wherein each peripheral device furthermore includes a display element.

22. (Previously presented) The system for remote status readings according to claim 13, wherein each peripheral device forms a command terminal for management of remote commands.